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UPDATE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Temporary Closure of I-5 Rest Area Due to Runaway Truck

(The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Herbert S. Miles Safety Roadside Rest Area on Interstate 5, six miles north of Red Bluff is still closed and it is anticipated that re-opening will be approximately mid-March. The rest area was closed on February 21, 2004 due to damage to the electrical system by a runaway commercial truck. Parts for the electrical system are on special order and will take three weeks for delivery.)

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has temporarily closed the southbound Herbert S. Miles Safety Roadside Rest Area on Interstate 5, six miles north of Red Bluff in Tehama County. The closure has been in effect since Saturday, February 21 and crews anticipate re-opening in two to five days.

The rest area was closed early Saturday morning due to a power outage. The main power box was damaged by a runaway commercial truck owned by Southern Refrigerated Transport, Inc. of Arizona. Caltrans electrical crews are on hand assessing the damage and making necessary repairs. The cost for repair is estimated at \$6,000, of which the truck driver will be responsible for paying. Additional Safety Roadside Rest Areas are available 24 miles south of Red Bluff near Corning and 51 miles north of Red Bluff at Lakehead.

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